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DOLI ATAMIAN CAMBERSHIP PROGRAM, INC.**P.O. BOX 693****ACTON, MA 01720****(978) 263-0131**

March 24, 2004

Mr. Walter Foster
Chairman
Acton Selectmen
Acton Town Hall
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Mr. Foster:

The members of the Doli Atamian Campership Program, Inc. (DCAP) would like an opportunity to meet with the Selectmen to discuss our campership program. Let me assure you we are not coming to request funding, but only to inform you of our existence. For several years the Acton Housing Authority (AHA) administered the campership program for their clients only, but in the year 2000 DCAP incorporated and became a separate entity from the Authority. DCAP now offers \$200.00 scholarships for summer camp or summer school to *all low income Acton and Boxborough children*.

The Doli Atamian Campership Program through community donations, i.e. A/B United Way, Octoberfest, area churches, Lions Club, Rotary Club, area businesses, Acton Newcomers Club, A.B. Junior Women's Club, McCarthy Towne PTO, Discovery Museums, A/B Community Education Summer Camp Program and community residents raised over \$11,875 and provided scholarships for 64 children to attend camp or summer school. It should be noted that 49% of the children were non Acton Housing Authority clients. The DCAP has a 6 member Board of Directors, is incorporated and has received its non profit designation. All monies raised are only used for children's camp and summer experiences. Every child who applied to the DACP last year received a scholarship.

We are requesting a meeting with the Selectmen to inform you of our mission and that the program is open to all low income Acton and Boxborough children. I have spoken to Christine and she has placed us on the agenda for April 27, 2004 at 7:10 PM.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to meet with you.

Sincerely,

Paul DerAnanian
Carol Lake
Brian Lanigan

Jane Mason
Betty McManus
Joe Nagle